

PRESS RELEASE
IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

Israel V. Fernando, M.D., a 55 year-old physician practicing dermatology in several locations in eastern, Iowa, had his Iowa medical license suspended by the Board. On August 25, 2005, the Board charged Dr. Fernando for failing to provide appropriate care and treatment to numerous dermatology patients. On September 14, 2006, Dr. Fernando entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board and he agreed to complete a comprehensive competency evaluation. Dr. Fernando completed the competency evaluation and the evaluation program concluded that he has very serious competency deficiencies and recommended that he complete residency training. After careful consideration of all of the information obtained in this matter, including the CPEP evaluation report, the Board concluded that the deficiencies in Dr. Fernando's professional competency are so widespread and serious that he is not safe to practice medicine in a competent manner until he successfully completes Board-approved residency training. On June 19, 2007, the Board issued an Order immediately suspending Dr. Fernando's Iowa medical license. A hearing in this matter is scheduled on July 17, 2007.